

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This responds to the Final Office Action mailed on May 25, 2004. Claims 1-41 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 4, 6-9, 12, 14-17, 20, 22, and 23 are rejected. Claims 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 13, 18, 19, and 21 are objected to. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

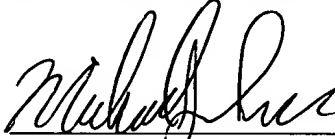
Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 24-41.

The Examiner indicated claims 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 13, 18, 19 and 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Independent claim 1 was amended to include the limitations of former claim 2. Independent claim 9 was amended to include the limitations of former claim 10. Independent claim 17 was amended to include the limitations of former claim 18. Claims 1, 3-9, 11-17, and 19-41 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-41 are in condition for allowance and Applicant believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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